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## Timely Bits of Sport

### CLOSE RACE FOR PENNANT

President Lynch Predicts Keen Fight in National League.

Willie Hoppe Playing Brilliant Billiards in Paris Cafe.

## JIM SULLIVAN ON WARPATH

Takes Stand and Metes Out Discipline for Violation of Athletic Rules.

Willie Hoppe, holder of the world's championship at 181 and 182 billiards, has been creating a stir in France by his brilliant play at the Olympia Cafe. In a letter which his father has just received from the young champion states that Paris is at its gayest and that he has rarely rolled the ivory globes with better control. In the first of his 120-point matches against Curé at 182 billiards Hoppe finished with an average slightly above 52. Since that game he played one in which he carried the average up to 53.

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### JACK JOHNSON LOSES FIGHT

In jail Once More for Speeding His Automobile.

San Francisco, March 28.—Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National League, said in an interview here this afternoon that the coming race in the National League will be the hardest fought in the history of that organization.

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According to the youthful American player, the police gave him something of a scare by serving papers upon him which called for his leaving the country within twenty-four hours. The matter was satisfactorily settled at once, however, and no matches at the Olympia began as scheduled. Curé, while rated the best player in France at this time, is not in top form. The Parisians cannot understand this, as before Hoppe's appearance the Frenchman was accomplishing wonderful results in all of his games.

Hoppe attributes his success to his ability to work up runs of three figures. Curé, he states, seems to tire, and so loses control after he has manipulated the ivory spheres along the billiards for fair-sized runs. The champion gives a list of his best runs in recent games. The highest was 372 caroms. The others are big enough to show that he is fully up to his mark, as they are 20, 23, 23, 23 and 36.

When he completes his three months' engagement at the Olympia it is Hoppe's intention to make a trip through Switzerland with his wife, who accompanied him to France. He expects to return to this country before the autumn, and is hopeful of a match with either George Sutton or Orson Mennigar.

John H. Denbigh, principal of the Morris High School, in a letter to James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, explained fully the conduct of William Zeller, who competed at the Princeton Club intercollegiate games on Saturday under an assumed name. It turns out that Zeller was in engine for intercollegiate competition, and used the name of another boy who also was ineligible. The laws of athletics are clear on the subject, and Zeller is no longer an amateur. In referring to this case Mr. Sullivan said:

"All schoolboys and others are warned that if they compete with Zeller they will professionalism themselves, and the A. A. U. besides this warning so there will be no excuse if he tries to enter scholastic competition or even A. A. U. competition. Now that he has professionalism himself, he cannot be remastered by a scholastic group, a collegiate group or even by the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. He must present his application for reinstatement, if he desires reinstatement, to the A. A. U., the governing body of amateur athletes in the United States, and the same cannot be considered until two years."

"Of course, this matter casts absolutely no reflection on any one connected with the Morris High School, as Zeller was not a member of that school at the time."

At the same games on Saturday a faculty relay race was held. According to Mr. Sullivan, positive evidence has been given to the Amateur Athletic Union that a professional athlete competed and that all the contestants knew this runner was a professional, as he has taken the examination for position as teacher in physical training and occupies that position in a high school. Under the rules the following men have lost their amateur standing by competing in a race with a professional messenger, Ball, Samuels and Bates, of Sugarside High School; Bloom, Dickey, Jacobson and Magowen, of Marion Training High School, and Levy, Rosemire and Model, of Eastern District High School. This disqualification is of an automatic nature, as the rules distinctly state that if an athlete competes with or against a professional he disqualifies himself. In referring to this case Mr. Sullivan said:

"The Amateur Athletic Union recognizes the right of members of an educational group to compete among themselves, but if they add to their programme open events for jockeys, policemen, letter carriers or similar clubs it then becomes an open meeting and they must then recognize a higher authority. In no case when the Amateur Athletic Union recognizes a scholastic or collegiate group not a member of the Amateur Athletic Union could it offer prizes other than those prescribed by the laws of amateur athletics, or could it allow a professional to enter the meet."

The will of M. Stanley Johnson, late president and principal owner of the St. Louis club of the National League, presented in Cleveland yesterday, a woman will succeed to his stock in the club and become a baseball owner. She is Mrs. Helen Hathaway Robinson, daughter of the late Frank D. Hathaway, a brother of Stanley Robinson.

Three-fourths of the estate, including all the stock in the St. Louis club, goes to Mrs. Johnson. The other fourths are bequeathed to her mother, Mrs. Sarah Carter Hathaway Robinson. On her death the quarter share will go to Mrs. Britton, to be held by her in trust for her children. On Mrs. Britton's death the entire estate is to become the property of her children.

Fred N. Abercrombie, of St. Louis, is named executor with Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Johnson. He was associated with Mr. Robinson in recent years, and it is expected that he will look after Mrs. Britton's baseball interests.

Word came from Cincinnati last night that the National Baseball Commission had denied the appeal of the "Three C's" League and sustained the finding of the board of arbitration of the National Association of Minor League Baseball Clubs by declaring that Waterloo, Iowa, could not be dropped from the circuit.

The "Three C's" League is ordered to prepare a schedule, with Waterloo included, by April 1. If such schedule is not completed by that time the national commission will take the liberty of making one. The clubs, according to this decision, must either remain or become outlaws. Waterloo is thus victor in the struggle, which was one of the bitterest ever started among the minor leagues.

Four of the eight leading recruits fighting for a place with the Chicago Cubs will be retained, according to Charles Webb Murphy. They are Fred Toney and "Dopey" Griffin, pitchers; Victor Sauer, a first baseman, and Jimmy Doyle, a third baseman.

Frankie Burns, the Jersey City heavyweight boxer, who will meet Abe Attell, the featherweight champion of the world, on Friday evening at the National Sporting Club, is training at Allentown under the direction of Jimmy De Forest. Burns is having with Phil Morris the lightweight boxer of Philadelphia, and is developing

### MORRIS CLIMBS A RUNG

Knocks Out Mike Schreck in the Sixth Round of Fight.

### MAY BE REAL "WHITE HOPE"

Part of Stand Falls as the Big Crowd Looks On in a Drizzling Rain.

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